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TITLE OF INVENTION: INJECTOR FOR FUEL INJECTION SYSTEMS OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES, ESPECIALLY DIRECT INJECTION DIESEL ENGINES

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/559,710	Applicant(s) KANNE ET AL.
	Examiner Trevor E. McGraw	Art Unit 3752

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 01/18/2008.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 10,11,16-20 and 24-29.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

5. Notice of Informal Patent Application

2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.

3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/16/2007

7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other ____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend Claim 29 as follows:

29. The injector according to claim [[12]] 10, further comprising a union nut securing the nozzle body to the injector body and forming a cylindrical gap between the outer wall of the nozzle body and the inner wall of the union nut, the cylindrical gap communicating hydraulically, via recesses machined into the nozzle body, on one side with the annular chamber and on the other side with the cylindrical pressure chamber.

Response to Arguments

Rejection under 35 USC § 112

Applicant's arguments, see the amendment to Claim 10, filed 01/18/2007, with respect to the rejection of Claim 10 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of Claim 10 held under 35 USC § 112 Second Paragraph has been withdrawn

in view of Applicant's amendment that deletes the improper range within a range language (i.e. in particular direct injection diesel engines).

Rejection under 35 USC § 102

Applicant's arguments, see pages 8-12, filed 01/18/2007, with respect to the rejection of Claims 10, 11, 16-20 and 24-29 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of Claims 10, 11, 16-20 and 24-29 held under 35 USC § 102 (b) has been withdrawn. Examiner has carefully considered Applicant's arguments that Claims 10, 11, 16-20 and 24-28 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record due to Applicant's clarification on the record for the meaning of the "fuel" claim language and how the "fuel" serves as a power source to drive an engine and as a hydraulic fluid. Examiner has taken note of the differences of which Applicant has pointed out that distinguish the present invention over the cited prior art of record (e.g. seal "SD", separation of fuel injection valve and seal, the oil and fuel are separately supplied and for different reasons, and pages 9-12, etc.)

Applicant's detailed discussion of such claimed features and the differences with contrast to the prior art of record is persuasive. In view of the foregoing and the absence of additional art, the reasons for allowance are considered clear for the record. As a result, Examiner is withdrawing the rejection to Claims 10, 11, 16-20 and 24-29 held under 35 USC § 102 (b).

Rejection under 35 USC § 103

Applicant's arguments, see pages 8-12, filed 01/18/2007, with respect to the rejection of Claims 16, 17, 20 and 26 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of Claims 16, 17, 20 and 26 held under 35 USC § 103 (a) has been withdrawn. Examiner has carefully considered Applicant's arguments that Claims 16, 17, 20 and 26 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record due to Applicant's clarification on the record for the meaning of the "fuel" claim language and how the "fuel" serves as a power source to drive an engine and as a hydraulic fluid, basically, the features of Claim 10 from which claim 16, 17, 20 and 26 depend or indirectly depend from. Examiner has taken note of the differences of which Applicant has pointed out that distinguish the present invention over the cited prior art of record (e.g. seal "SD", separation of fuel injection valve and seal, the oil and fuel are separately supplied and for different reasons, and pages 9-12, etc.). Examiner has also carefully considered the remarks regarding the Bart and Fuessner references in light of the arguments to Claim 10 as stated in pages 8-12 of Applicant's remarks.

Applicant's detailed discussion of such claimed features and the differences with contrast to the prior art of record is persuasive. In view of the foregoing and the absence of additional art, the reasons for allowance are considered clear for the record. As a result, Examiner is withdrawing the rejection to Claims 16, 17, 20 and 26 held under 35 USC § 103 (a).

Examiner's Comment

It is noted to Applicant that the minor Examiner's Amendment was made due to Claim 29 depending from cancelled claim 12. This issue was raised in the previous communication to Applicant, but was not corrected. Examiner has amended Claim 29 to depend from Claim 10, for which Claim 12 previously depended prior to cancellation. Applicant is reminded that should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee (SEE MPEP 714.16).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trevor McGraw whose telephone number is (571) 272-7375. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (2nd & 4th Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on (571) 272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Art Unit: 3752

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